

## EDUCATION.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the University  
Convened at Albany—Its Origin.

From Our Special Correspondent.

SARATOGA HALL, ALBANY, N. Y., Tuesday, Aug. 7, 1866.

The educational establishment in the Empire State, although not generally understood by many thousands who share its blessings, is one of peculiar symmetry and excellence. Having perhaps no exact counterpart in the world, it resembles most nearly the English plan as exhibited in the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford. In those ancient seats of learning, a number of colleges, grouped together within a single town, afford such a combination of scholastic advantages as to render the term "university" strictly applicable to the whole. With us the name has been borrowed to represent, not merely the colleges within a single city or town, but—viewing the whole State as one in interest and purpose—the entire system of education within the State boundaries. The term "University of the State of New-York," or more strictly "Regents of the University of the State of New-York," is therefore given to a board of officers at the Capital, who are charged with the general care and supervision of all its colleges and academies, and who have the power to make such arrangements as to obtain them. A preference is given to such scholars as are overburdened, as the law directs, to leave the recipient free to study or not, and the former hold him.

The distinctions between the university and college system we more wanted in the English institutions than here, and are being developed more and more. The student goes through certain courses and branches of study in the college, and then passes into other hands where his attainments are tested by those with whom he is not so familiar, so that he is obliged to depend upon his knowledge of the subject itself and not the facility derived from the familiar presentation of a subject. The result is a vast amount of reading and almost monkish study for months, before and after, in preparation of the examinations.

English universities lack the imposing ceremony with which the American colleges celebrate the occasions of graduation, although the conferring of degrees is attended with much more pomp and circumstance.

Dr. McCosh concluded his remarks by saying that, although with the mass of students more and more interested in the study of science, it was generally hoped with them to obtain ripe and most advanced knowledge.

He also expressed the opinion that our system would be better if we conferred high official stations

upon examinations of fitness, as in his country, than as they too often are for lower reasons.

## MISTAKES IN PREPARATORY STUDY.

President Bernard of Columbia College was next heard upon "The Branches Proper to be Pursued by Students in their preparatory studies." He said that the study of Latin and Greek had been abandoned in each year; it was the declared duty of the Regents to visit each year, and always embarrassing, and the necessity of some new means was severely felt. At a meeting of the Regents held January 9, 1862, the matter was discussed at length, and the following resolution adopted:

"Resolved, That it is expedient to discontinue entirely under the direction of the Board of Regents the examination of officers of colleges and academies, and that a committee be appointed to proceed at a practical meeting to fix the time and place

and to make such other arrangements as they may deem necessary."

The last meeting was held in accordance with the appointment made by the Committee, August 4 and 5, 1862.

Chancellor Paine briefly stated the objects entertained by the Regents, which were mainly "to consider the mutual relations of colleges and academies, and to provide, as far as possible, for their mutual convenience in their several operations."

The meeting adopted the recommendations of the Committee, in substance as follows: That the meeting be known as "The University Convocation of the State of New-York," that the members should embrace the members of the Board of Regents, all instances of colleges, Normal schools, academies, and other departments of public instruction, and subject to the vision of the Regents, and the President, First Vice-President, Asst. Recreational and Corresponding Secretaries of the N. Y. State Teachers' Association; that the Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Regents should respectively be President and Permanent Secretary of the Convocation; that the Annual Meeting of the same be held in the City of Albany, unless otherwise ordered by the Regents; that at each Convocation, an Executive Committee of seven members, appointed by the Regents, should be announced, who should meet during the recess of the Convocation at such time and place as the Regents should direct, with authority to transact business connected with its general object. It will be seen by the statement that the Board of Regents, in its present organization, however, an authority which that body cannot exert over its represented schools.

The members of the Convocation assembled this morning at the Assembly Chamber in the capitol, at 11 o'clock, The Rev. Regent Lucifer, often president, Rev. Dr. L. Paine, addressed the Convocation. He stated that the condition of the institutions under the care of the Regents was more satisfactory than ever before.

A paper upon Entrance Examinations was next read, from Prof. North of Hamilton College; but as he was absent Prof. Taylor Lewis of Union College read a paper upon "The Christian Scriptures an Indispensable Part of Education."

Prof. Cooley of the State Normal School, followed with a paper entitled "Suggestions in Regard to Teaching Advanced Classes in Chemistry."

## THE TWO SECTIONS.

Upon reassembling in the afternoon, the members in attendance were divided, according to the plan of Convocation, into two parts, called respectively the Academic and the Literary Sections. The interests of the section in the Academies were in many respects different from those in the colleges, and vice versa, it had been found the most satisfactory and the most expeditious method to give the afternoon to separate sessions of the members connected respectively with each class of institutions.

## COLLEGE SECTION.

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## REPORT ON PRELIMINARY ACADEMIC EXAMINATIONS.

The Committee appointed by the Chancellor of the University to report upon the practical workings and results of the Preliminary Academic Examinations, instituted by the Board of Regents during the past year, presented their report.

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